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Boil-water advisory issued for Raft Island water system in Pierce County

OLYMPIA — Washington Water Service Company issued a boil-water advisory today, June 5, to customers of the Raft Island Water System after a construction-related pipe break may have caused contamination of the water.

Water samples collected after the break was repaired showed potentially harmful *E. coli* bacteria in the water. This water system serves about 520 people in Carr Inlet west of Gig Harbor in Pierce County.

E. coli can cause gastrointestinal illness. To kill the bacteria, the Department of Health recommends that residents boil tap water they'll use for drinking, brushing teeth, preparing food, making ice, and washing dishes. Water should be heated to a brisk boil for one minute and allowed to cool before use.

Washington Water Service Company, which owns and operates the water system, has been replacing pipes as part of a phased upgrade of the water system.

The advisory will remain in effect until the water meets safe drinking water standards. Customers with questions about their water quality can call Washington Water Service at 253-851-4060 or toll free at 877-408-4060. A map showing the affected service area is available on the [company's web site](#).

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